

centres, balwadi buildings, panchayat ghars, community centres, creches, buildings for housing rural banks, pinjrapoles, gaushalas, community poultry and piggery houses, bathing and washing platforms, community biogas plants, stores for keeping seeds, insecticides, fertilisers, etc.

- (ix) works for land shaping, drainage and field channels etc. which are undertaken on project basis to improve the productivity of an area taken, a system of land management (both in water sheds as well as in command areas). In case of these works only those blocks/compact areas of land are permitted to be taken up under NREP in which most of the private land is owned by small and marginal farmers.

The list is only illustrative. Works which are need based and lead to strengthening of rural infrastructure can be taken up under this programme.

#### Planning of operation Flood-II

9411. SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Operation Flood-II was planned keeping in view the infrastructure created under Operation Flood-I and learning from its mistakes specially in respect of readiness and preparedness of various States ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Operation Flood-II has created similar or worse intra-State imbalances than Operation Flood-I as revealed by poor release of funds to several States and non-starting or poor starting of Operation Flood II so far in several States ;

(c) whether Government propose to ask Jha Committee to look into various imbalances ; and

(d) whether Government are aware that most of the States do not have the infrastructure ; if so, the reasons why Operation Flood II was started in a hurry three years before Operation Flood-I ended ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to delay in completion of pre-requisite formalities under Operation Flood II, the planning process was not initiated simultaneously in all the States. In order to implement the project to achieve the targets under Operation Flood II, the Steering Committee at its meeting held on 3.6.1983 had decided to extend the Operation Flood II Project upto 1989-90. However, the approval of the competent authority is yet to be accorded.

(c) Jha Committee will work as per the terms of reference.

(d) While there are infrastructure in some of the States, it is being suitably built up and strengthened in others.

#### Operation Flood II proposal for Import S.M.P. & B.O.

9412. SHRI HARISH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Operation Flood-II proposal of June, 1977 imports of Skim Milk Powder and Butter Oil were to be done for first six years (upto 1984) and if so, whether this objective has been achieved and if not, the reasons thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that during Operation Flood-II period use of milk products was to be limited to 10 per cent of total liquid milk and if so, whether this has been adhered to and if not, the year-wise percentage of milk products used ;

(c) whether imports were to end first by 1975 under Operation Flood-I and later under Operation Flood-II and whether imports are now a "non-issue" as declared by Governor, Reserve Bank of India ; and

(d) whether Government have worked out plans for imports (gifts & commercial) for the Seventh Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The quantities of gift commodities indicated in the project Document on Operation Flood II were tentative. The gift supplies of skim milk powder, butter oil and butter are being